

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

S.J.R. No. 5

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to expand the services provided by the Amarillo Hospital District to include certain residents of Randall County and authorizing Randall County to provide financial assistance to the district and amending Section 2, H.J.R. 2, 70th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, relating to change in election date.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article IX, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(e) The legislature by law may authorize Randall County to render financial assistance to the Amarillo Hospital District by paying part of the district's operating and maintenance expenses and the debts assumed or created by the district and to levy a tax for that purpose in an amount not to exceed seventy-five cents (75¢) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation on all property in Randall County that is not within the boundaries of the City of Amarillo or the South Randall County Hospital District. This tax is in addition to any other tax authorized by this constitution. If the tax is authorized by the legislature and approved by the voters of the area to be taxed, the Amarillo Hospital District shall, by resolution, assume the responsibilities, obligations, and liabilities of Randall County in accordance with Subsection (a) of this section and, except as provided by this subsection, Randall County may not levy taxes or issue bonds for hospital purposes or for providing hospital care for needy inhabitants of the county. Not later than the end of the first tax year during which taxes are levied under this subsection, Randall County shall deposit in the State Treasury to the credit of the state General Revenue Fund \$45,000 to reimburse the state for the cost of publishing the resolution required by this subsection.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX of this constitution, if a hospital district was created or authorized under a constitutional provision that includes a description of the district's boundaries or jurisdiction, the legislature by law may authorize the district to change its boundaries or jurisdiction. The change must be approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the district voting at an election called and held for that purpose.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 3, 1987. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the Amarillo Hospital District to serve certain residents of Randall County, to authorize Randall County to provide financial assistance to the district, and to authorize certain hospital districts to change their boundaries or jurisdiction with voter approval."

SECTION 3. Section 2 of H.J.R. No. 2, 70th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 8, 1988 [3, 1987]. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment establishing an economic stabilization fund in the state treasury to be used to offset unforeseen shortfalls in revenue."

Adopted by the Senate on July 6, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on July 18, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 0. Adopted by the House, with amendments, on July 17, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Filed with the Secretary of State, July 20, 1987.

S.J.R. No. 6

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proposing a constitutional amendment providing that certain justice precincts may contain more than one justice of the peace court.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article V, Section 18(a), of the Texas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each county in the State with a population of 30,000 or more, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than four and not more than eight precincts. Each county in the State with a population of 18,000 or more but less than 30,000, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than two and not more than five precincts. Each county in the State with a population of less than 18,000, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be designated as a single precinct or, if the Commissioners Court determines that the county needs more than one precinct, shall be divided into not more than four precincts. Notwithstanding the population requirements of this subsection, Chambers County, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than two and not more than six precincts. A division or designation under this subsection shall be made by the Commissioners Court provided for by this Constitution. In each such precinct there shall be elected one Justice of the Peace and one Constable, each of whom shall hold his office for four years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified; provided that *in a county with a population of less than 150,000, according to the most recent federal census*, in any precinct in which there may be a city of 18,000 or more inhabitants, there shall be elected two Justices of the Peace, *and in a county with a population of 150,000 or more, according to the most recent federal census, each precinct may contain more than one Justice of the Peace Court.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 1987. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that certain justice precincts may contain more than one justice of the peace court."

Adopted by the Senate on July 16, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Adopted by the House on July 18, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 3, one present not voting.

Filed with the Secretary of State, July 20, 1987.

S.J.R. No. 8

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the dedication of certain funds for highway purposes and amending Section 2, H.J.R. 2, Acts of the 70th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, relating to date of election.